

MAY 1 7 3002 A

TECH CENTER 16 WENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 3715-0109:000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Richard et al.) Group Art Unit: 1615
Application No.: 10/049,186) Examiner: Not yet assigned
Filed: February 8, 2002)
For: MICROPARTICLES FOR PULMONARY ADMINISTRATION))
Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

∕Sir:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following new paragraph:

--This is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 based on international application PCT/FR00/02282, filed August 9, 2000, and claims priority benefit of French Patent Application FR 00/10,411, filed August 11, 1999, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

FINNEGAN HENDERSON FARABOW GARRETT& DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW Washington, DC 20005 202.408.4000 Fax 202.408.4400 www.finnegan.com